

EOQ Press Release

EOQ presidential Georges Borel Awarding 2015 – Athens, June 10th 2015

The European Organization for Quality (EOQ) has celebrated the recipients of the EOQ presidential Georges Borel Awards at the **EOQ Presidential Meeting, in Athens/Greece on June 10th, 2015.**

By definition, Georges Borel Award has born from the idea that the development and the promotion of the European Quality Movement is done by outstanding individuals who spend their time and energy in sharing their beliefs and knowledge for the benefit of the European Society.

The recipients of the 2015 EOQ presidential Georges Borel Awards are:

- **Dr. Thomas Facklam** - awarded with the **EOQ presidential Georges Borel Award for governmental achievements** for making an outstanding accomplishment through successful promotion and deployment of quality at governmental level through his professional activities and behaviors and thus creating a visible impact in the field of quality at governmental level in his own country and at European level
He has committed himself for a long time on the national, European and international level in the sector of accreditation and of conformity evaluations harmonization, being for seven years the Chairman of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and currently the Chairman of the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA). He is furthermore engaged as executive in numerous national and international standards committees and work groups.
- **Dr. George Anastasopoulos** - awarded with the **EOQ presidential Georges Borel Award for international achievements** for being at the edge of the development, use and diffusion of quality at international level through his professional activities and behaviors, personally contributing to the development of the European Quality movement through his accomplishments with a global impact in the field of quality.
He actively participated in the development of ISO 9001 and ISO 17024, achieved in 2003 the first accreditation, globally to ISO 17024:2003 and became the first Chairman of the International Personnel Certification Association, chairing the development of the first competence based IPC regulations for certification of QMS/EMS auditors.
- **MSc. Eng. Tiia Tammaru** - awarded with the **EOQ presidential Georges Borel Award for European achievements** for being at the edge of the development, use and diffusion of quality in Europe through her professional activities and behaviors and thus she has not only brought an outstanding contribution to the realization of EOQ mission at European level but also personally contributed to the development of the European Quality movement.
Through her positions in the EOQ, as official representative of EAQ/Estonia since 20 years and member of EOQ Executive Board (2005–2011), she actively contributed to the development of EOQ's activities and further development. Under her leadership and Quality committed involvement were organized the 57th EOQ Congress 2013 in Tallinn/Estonia and the first EOQ Winter Camp. She has been teaching Quality&Strategic Management at Tallinn University of Technology and other different Estonian universities, dedicating her R&D activities to the development of national Quality and Excellence programs, including the Estonian Quality Award.

EOQ Georges Borel Award recognizes individuals who have brought an outstanding contribution to the EOQ mission, who is: "Improve European society through the promotion of Quality in its broadest sense". The European Organization for Quality wants to show them recognition and to thank them for their contribution.

The European Organization for Quality (EOQ) associates more than 70,000 members and 500,000 companies within its member and partner organizations in Europe and worldwide. EOQ is the European interdisciplinary organization striving for effective improvement in the sphere of quality management as the coordinating body and catalyst of its Member Organizations aiming to improve European society through the promotion of Quality in its broadest sense.

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